

Recommendations and Problems

Monthly Reports for February 1959

CARTOGRAPHY DIVISION

The pressure of priority work during the past month compelled the initiation of a program of overtime in order to meet the requirements placed upon the Division by ONE, NIS, and the DD/S. There was a noticeable increase in production of short deadline work for these components which we believe reflects the seasonal increase resulting from various components attempting to meet end-of-fiscal-year deadlines. It is estimated this trend will continue until summer vacations when the workload usually tapers off. Meantime, however, overtime will be necessary to stay current with the most pressing priority jobs.

FAR EAST COMPILATION BRANCH

The minutes of 18 December 1958 record a suggestion that the Branch Chiefs review the standard specifications for the Chapter I maps. It is felt that this meeting is in order and it would be advisable to hold it in the near future. There are variations in treatment of various items on the maps, in addition to recent OBI recommended changes, that should be standardized and adhered to in future maps unless there is a formal change of the specifications.

MAP LIBRARY DIVISION

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The extended sick leave of [REDACTED] has placed an increased work load on two other desk officers in the Foreign Procurement Branch.

PROCESSING BRANCH

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It became apparent during the month that the ATMP Unit was not receiving regular shipments of SAC charts from ACIC, St. Louis. This problem was discussed with [REDACTED] ACIC, and two weeks later the Map Library received a shipment of 6,552 charts. This shipment covers the backlog of missing charts.

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GEOGRAPHY DIVISION

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successful experience in visiting PIC in connection with a current research project indicates that the problem set forth in the monthly report for January has now been at least partially solved.

The Europe Branch reports: A good case can be made for D/GL maintaining a file of cadastral-type maps for the principal cities of the Soviet Bloc. Such maps would be of great assistance in conjunction with directories and other sources for determining street addresses.

COORDINATION STAFF

A problem concerning the controls placed by the CIA Map Library on incoming maps was encountered during the month. Topographic maps of Iraq, which had been obtained by the Geographic Attache, were stamped with the following control before distribution:

For use only by: US Intelligence Agencies, Department of State,
Department of Defense, and in the NIS Program.

The Geographic Attache had requested that the maps not be released to Communist or Israeli citizens, but as far as we can determine had placed no other restrictions on their distribution. Despite "in the NIS Program" in the control statement above, these maps cannot be included in the revision of the Chapter IX for Iraq that is now in preparation unless permission is obtained to cite them as NOFORN. NIS policy prevents the use of materials in any part of the NIS that would require publishing Sections or Chapters of the NIS with any of the various limited controls; the only controls to be used are NOFORN and NOFORN except [name of country]

There is need for clarification of the "in the NIS Program" in the above control statement. Also, why is it necessary to place such a stringent control on topographic series for which many US Government agencies other than those covered in the statement might have need?

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